

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 15, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Mary Muncie, *Rushville Recorder*.

**MINUTES:** Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that she has been notified that we will receive our tax draw tomorrow.

She was also notified that the State Board of Accounts will be auditing the year 2020 very soon.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Berkemeier reported that there will be a joint meeting of the Utility Board, the Board of Works and at least 2 Council members. (All Council members may attend if they wish). The meeting is to discuss the possible transition of the Utility Board to the Board of Works. The meeting will be Tuesday at 6:00 at Council Chambers.

There will be a meeting tomorrow with the County to discuss a central dispatch.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation Overlook** – Our target is to get all claims in for closeout.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – 1<sup>st</sup> concert is June 19.
- **Community Center** – Continues to move forward.
- **Housing Boulder's Schedule** – The curbs are in the next step is pavement, then they can start on the houses.

- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Park** – Director Burklow reported that the pool is very busy with no major issues. We continue to work out small issues with the splash pad. The park summer help is in full force.

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that the hiring application process closed Friday. We have 12 applicants. Testing will be June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire** – Chief Munson reported that they had a residential structure fire Saturday. He thanked the police department, township departments, and neighbors for their help.

One of the potential firemen that was approved for hire could not fill the job. The Board of Works approved to hire Mark Barker.

We are looking at prices for a chassis remount on an ambulance. Munson said he was told that prices could go up 3-5% by July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been told that it could be November before we can get the vehicle in to be serviced. The current price is approximately \$180,000.00. With repairs the ambulance should last 10 more years. Berkemeier said we need to make updates but he doesn't like making a quick decision for such a large amount of money. Council said they would like more information before deciding. Munson said he is waiting on another quote. Munson said he would check to see if we can pay a down payment and hold the price. Council agreed it needs to happen. We just need to agree on the time frame. Marzon made a motion to table and gather more information. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with Daubenspeck voting "nay".

**Street** – Commissioner Miller reported that they are hauling dirt at 1st & Harrison and the old park office. Later this week they will be putting banners up at the Amphitheater.

**Utility** – Pavey said he would like to give kudos to Greg Shook for getting word out to public of possible rusty water over the weekend.

**Animal** – Assistant Cleland reported that the bushes are going in tomorrow. They have ordered parking signs. They are preparing to paint and seal the exterior walls. They are waiting on installation of the water heaters. The new sign on 44 should be up next week.

**Trash** – Berkemeier said since it has been a year since we implemented the trash fee we should do an audit to see where we are. Bridges said if we aren't going to enforce all of the ordinance then we need to take out the things that aren't being enforced.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2021-13 Supporting Indiana READI Regional Application** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2021-13. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - a. Advisory Committee
  - b. Interlocal Agreements
2. **Annexation of Former Wal-Mart Retention/Detention Pond** – Newhouse said this piece of property is the northwest corner of the old Wal-Mart building. It is owned by the City and sits in the County. Berkemeier moved to accept the introduction of the Ordinance. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Berkemeier then made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 of the fiscal plan. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - a. Fiscal Plan
  - b. Introduction of Ordinance
  - c. Public Hearing
3. **Ordinance 2021-17 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Overlay** – Daubenspeck moved to approve Ordinance 2021-17. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2021-18 Relief from Water Charge on Splash Pad** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-18. Marzon seconded the motion. Berkemeier amended his motion to include that this is just for the year 2021. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Joint Special Meeting – City Utilities** – Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.
6. **Ambulance Contract Conversations** – We will be having conversations with the County.
7. **Traffic Reports:** Chief Tucker presented a handout of the findings of the traffic committee.
  - a. **15<sup>th</sup> Street** – The committee recommend to remove the tree and reconstruct the intersection making one lane removing the angled portion of the street.. This would ease congestion and be safer for kids. Berkemeier moved to accept the recommendation of the traffic committee. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - b. **Willard Avenue** – After reviewing the findings from the electronic traffic sign the committee recommended no modifications at this time. Berkemeier will contact the person that had the complaint.
8. **June 15<sup>th</sup> Target Date for Final Stellar Pay Application Approval** – We will check to see if we have all of the invoices.
9. **North Washington Street Developer RFP (Russell Brown, Clark Quinn Law)** – See the process below.
  - a. Documents/Steps Required/Timelines

- b. RFP's Resolutions, Survey/Legal Descriptions, Appraisals, Agreements
- c. Property Transfer with Fair Board
- d. Drainage

**COVID-19 UPDATE:**

- **Rush County 2020 Year-End Report** – We received our local report.
- **District 6 Healthcare Coalition Year-End Report** – Pavey will email reports to Council.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** There is a question if pets and smoking at the Overlook will be permitted.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Marzon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.